

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey P.G. #86B-19 Building Date: ca. early 19th century  
and 1870's

Building Name: Horsehead Tavern

Location: 17505 Aquasco Road, Baden

Private/Residential/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description:

The Horsehead Tavern is a two-story gable roof frame dwelling of 5 x 2 bays with a one-story gable kitchen wing attached at the south end. The main block was constructed in two stages. The north two bays have a higher roof ridge and are the earliest section of the building. The south three bays were probably constructed ca. 1870's. The house is set close to Aquasco Road (Route 381), surrounded by a level, three acre lot. The main facade has central entrance through a four panel door with three-light sidelights, and a rectangular transom. The one bay, one story entrance porch has a flat roof, wide frieze with multiple curving brackets and a wide cornice. The windows on the first story are 9/6 sash, with narrow surrounds. The house was covered with aluminum siding during the early 1970's and all decorative detail was removed from the cornice. The interior, which was also greatly altered, has an "I" house plan.

Significance:

Horsehead Tavern is significant for its historical use as a tavern, dating to at least 1754. The present structure probably dates to early in the 19th century with addition of the central stair hall and south parlor ca. 1870. . It is one of few tavern buildings surviving in the County. The dwelling is significant for early 19th century moldings in the north attic room, and for its ca. 1870's main stair. The rest of the building was altered during 1976-77 and most of the historic architectural features on the interior and the exterior were removed. Horsehead Tavern is located on a tract called the Golden Race, patented in 1695. The three-way intersection of Horsehead and Brandywine Roads (Route 581), where the tavern is located, has been called the Horsehead since as early as 1739, when Court records recording the County's Roads referred to it.

Acreage: 3 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. P.G. #86B-19

Magi No.

DOE yes no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Horsehead Tavern

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 17505 Aquasco Road (Maryland Route 381) not for publicationcity, town Baden vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. John W. Butler

street &amp; number 17505 Aquasco Road telephone no.:

city, town Baden state and zip code Maryland 20613

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6398

street &amp; number Main Street folio 828

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic American Buildings Survey, 1936 and Historic Sites and

date Districts Plan, 1981 ☒ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ loc

depository for survey records Library of Congress (HABS) Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Room 4010, CAB, Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Horsehead Tavern is a two-story gable roof frame dwelling of five-by-two bays with a one-story gable kitchen wing attached at the south end. The main block was constructed in two sections. The north two bays have a higher roof ridge and are the earliest section of the building. The house is set quite close to Aquasco Road (Route 381), surrounded by a level, open three acre lot.

The five bay east (main) facade fronts on Aquasco Road. The central entrance, dating to the middle of the 19th century, is a four-panel door with three-light sidelights above wainscot panels, surmounted by a rectangular five-light transom. The entrance is sheltered by a one bay, one-story entrance porch also dating to the mid-19th century. The porch has a square roof, originally flat, but now with a shallow shed-roof top, probably altered during the ca. 1970's remodeling of the house. The porch roof has a wide frieze with multiple curving brackets, and a wide crown molded cornice. It is supported on two red brick posts, a ca. 1970's alteration. There are brick pilasters where the roof meets the wall, and a brick veneer applied to the wall area around the entrance door. The porch floor is a low cement pad. The windows on the first story of the front facade are 9/6 double-hung wood sash. Those throughout the rest of the building are 6/6 sash, with narrow wood surrounds. The north two bays of the building have a slightly higher gable roof ridge, which is visible from the east (main) facade.

The house was covered with aluminum siding during the early 1970's. All decorative detail was removed from the cornice of the main block and the kitchen wing. The roof is of new synthetic shingle. The siding covers the foundation material, so that it is not apparent what the foundation is composed of, or if there is a masonry foundation.

The two-bay north gable end has a central exterior chimney laid in American bond with a row of header bricks every eighth row. The chimney has stepped weathering at the second story level. The stack above the weathering appears to be rebuilt, of a light-colored brick laid in common bond. There are two windows at first, second and third story levels on the north gable end. The west (rear) facade is five bays, with the two north bays set in a section of the building that projects slightly and is slightly higher than the south three bays. There is a break in the roof-line on the rear facade that is not visible on the front. The central bay on the second story is a window set slightly lower than the others, which lights the main stair landing. A one-story shed-roof addition with a central picture window covers the south three bays on the first story.

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The south gable end has a central exterior brick chimney and small 4/4 sash windows at attic level. The one-and-one-half story south kitchen wing is centered on the south facade, enclosing the south chimney. The wing is sided and roofed with the same material as the main block. The kitchen has all new windows, two on its east elevation and two on the first story of the south gable end. A 3/1 sash window is centered at loft level on the south gable end. The west, rear two bays of the kitchen wing are covered by a shed roof lean-to addition with a central entrance. The west elevation of the lean-to is brick veneered.

The interior of the Horsehead Tavern has an "I" house plan, with a central stairhall flanked by a north and a south parlor. The kitchen is in a low one-and-one-half story wing attached at the south end of the main block. The whole interior was extensively altered during the early 1970's. Most door and window surrounds have been removed. The ceilings have been lowered and are covered with tile or spackled, and the walls have been covered with synthetic paneling.

The main stairhall and south parlor were probably constructed in the 1870's. The main entrance door dates to that period. It is a four-panel door with an interior iron box lock and ceramic knob. There are three-light sidelights above a wainscot panel, and a five-light transom. The door surround is a one-step architrave surround. The baseboarding in the entry hall is a plain board. The flooring is old, of boards approximately 5 inches in width, stained dark brown. The open string stairway was not altered, as much of the interior was. It rises along the south wall of the hall, turns 90° at a landing between first and second floors, then turns 90° once again and rises along the north wall of the hall to the second story. The stair ends have jigsawn brackets. There are two balusters to a step, the slender tapering circular balusters have a turned section at their lower and upper ends. The heavy turned newel post is set on a seven-sided base block. The stair moldings are of varnished rather than painted wood. There is a four-panel door leading to a closet beneath the stair. The arched opening at the west (rear) of the hall leads to a modern one-story addition.

The north parlor, which is the oldest part of the building, probably dates to the early 19th century. It is set slightly higher than the stairhall and has a high wooden step to enter the room. It is entered through an old, patched six-panel door. The door surround on the interior side is a two-step architrave surround with a rectangular transom that is blocked and not visible on the stairhall side of the door. The hearth on the north wall was altered by the addition of a projecting white brick surround in the early 1970's. The flooring in the room is old, similar to that in the hallway.

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The south parlor contains no visible original material. There is a new brick hearth surround on the south wall, and an entry to the kitchen in the southeast corner of the room.

The second floor of the main block has a wide central stairhall with the decorative balustrade and stair end bracketing encircling the stairwell opening. The hall is floored with the same old wood flooring as that on the first story. An opening on the north side of the hall leads to the earliest, north section of the house. This section contains a small hall with a bathroom to the west and two small bedrooms, one at the north end and one to the east. There is no visible original material in this section of the house. A trap door in the ceiling of the hallway leads to the attic.

An opening on the south side of the hall is entry to the south bedroom. On the south wall of the bedroom is a low four-panel door with a box-lock and ceramic knob, and an architrave surround with an inner bead. This is the only original material visible in the room. The door leads to the low second story room of the south kitchen wing.

The attic, reached from the hall in the north section of the house, is unfinished, and runs the length of the house. The rafters are readily visible, and there are newer beams nailed along the gable ridge, indicating repairs dating to the late 19th or in the 20th century. The north section of the attic is divided into a north room and small hall. The trap door entry is into the partially finished north room. It appears that the upper portion of finished plaster walls and a ceiling were removed to repair the roof. The plastered walls and wood moldings in this room appear to date from ca. 1790-1810. All the wood molding is painted with a thin coat of grey paint. The baseboard has a lower bead and a projecting upper half-round molding. The chair rail is a flat board with a lower bead and projecting rectangular cap molding with a center groove. The door leading to the small hall has a narrow two-step architrave surround with a projecting back band. Upper and lower "HL" hinges remaining on the door surround appear to be hand wrought, composed of several pieces of metal soldered or wrought together to form the hinge.

The small hall is also partially plastered. There is a closet on the east side, with interior walls of old plaster and a beaded baseboard. On the west is the top section of an old balustrade and a square hole in the floor, indicating a stairway that has been closed off. The balustrade is of slender rectangular balusters with a plain square newel post with a square flat cap; and a rectangular handrail with a cap and lower bead.

The flooring in this north attic section is varied, from 5-1/2 to 10 inches in width. A doorway from the hall leads to the large, open south section of the attic, which appears never to have been finished. The wall between the north and south sections of the attic has several sections of lapped wood siding on its south side. The siding has the remains of white paint, and is fairly regular in width with a lower bead. It is held on with square cut nails. There were no handwrought nails found in the attic. The lathes for the plaster were hand-riven but also nailed with square-cut nails.

The one-and-one-half story south kitchen wing has been modernized on the first story and second story. A chimney breast with a stove-pipe hole projects on the north wall of the room. A small enclosed stair in the northwest corner of the room climbs to the low second story above the kitchen. The stair is located next to the chimney which is plaster-covered and has second story stepped weathering visible from the stairway. A small door on the east side of the chimney at this second story level leads to the south bedroom in the main block.

A one-story addition which runs the length of the west (rear) side of the main block was added ca. 1950. It is entered from the west end of the main stair hall and contains a "den" or family room. The one-story lean-to addition on the west (rear) side of the kitchen wing contains a bathroom and laundry facilities. It has a west entrance from the outdoors, and connects to the kitchen and the family room addition.

There is a one-story, two-by-two bay gable roof frame cottage just north of the tavern. It is covered with an asphalt wall covering and has a synthetic shingle roof with a low brick chimney rising from the roof ridge. The structure appears to date from the 1920's-40's. To the west (rear) of the house is a large barn, a corn crib and a shed dating to the early 20th century. Just northwest of the house is a greenhouse with a cement block base. The structure is in deteriorating condition. Southwest of the house is a modern chicken coop.

The gravel drive leaves the road north of the house, circles behind it, and intersects the road at the south corner of the house. The tavern is surrounded by mature plantings, such as low boxwood along the east (front) facade. There are two high old cedar trees and a holly tree bordering the road at the north corner of the house. The northeast and northwest corners of the house have tall evergreen bushes. There are two lilac bushes at the southeast corner of the house.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Horsehead Tavern is located on a tract called the Golden Race, patented in 1695.<sup>1</sup> The three-way intersection of Horsehead and Brandywine Roads (Route 381), where the tavern is located, has been called the Horsehead since as early as 1739, when Court records recording the County's Roads referred to it.<sup>2</sup> Richard Gray rented 30 acres of the Golden Race from the Rev. John Eversfield, from 1754 through 1766, and kept an ordinary or tavern there.<sup>3</sup>

A complete chain of ownership on the property has not yet been found. The next reference to the tavern was in the administration file made at the death of its owner and proprietor, Moses Mengers, in 1826. Mengers had kept a bar and served meals there.<sup>4</sup> It is probably that the baseboard, chair rail, door surrounds and "HL" hinges found in the north attic room date to Menger's use and occupancy of the building. It is not known if the structure dates to earlier than this first quarter of the 19th century period.

Menger's widow, Ann, married Robert Thompson and continued ownership of 30 acres called Horsehead, through her death in 1832.<sup>5</sup> Thompson is listed as the post master at Horsehead through the decade of the 1830's.<sup>6</sup> It is not known if the post office was in the tavern or in a separate building.

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The property was held by Menger/Thompson heirs through the 1840's and 50's.<sup>7</sup> The first deed reference to the building dates to 1860 when it was acquired by Eliza A.M.E. Burnill, who's maiden name was Mengers. Burnill began the building's use as a store in 1861 and improved the building, probably through the addition of the stair hall and south parlor, between 1871 and 1876. She also increased the Horsehead acreage to 165 acres.<sup>8</sup>

The property was held by Burnill's heirs, the Davis family, from 1902 through 1933.<sup>9</sup> The Davis' operated a general store and millinery shop, and a post office in a separate structure, across Aquasco Road, east of the tavern, and resided in the tavern building.<sup>10</sup> The building was photographed in 1936 by the Historic American Buildings survey, and other early 20th century photographs exist, taken by Bruce Davis, who owned the tavern property.

The existence of the historic photographs is important because the tavern was substantially altered in 1976-77. The exterior was clad in aluminum siding and some brick veneer. Italianate cornice bracketing on the main block and kitchen wing was removed. Examples of this bracketing remain on the entry porch cornice. On the interior all the mantels and most moldings were removed and the walls and ceiling covered with synthetic paneling or tile. Original features remaining include the flooring, the main stair, the old moldings and beaded siding in the north attic room and a plain Greek Revival mantel found in the barn. The present owner hopes, gradually to restore some of the building's historical features.

Notes

<sup>1</sup> Louise Joyner Hienton, Prince George's County Heritage, Maryland Historic Society 1972, attached tract map.

<sup>2</sup> Prince George's County Court Records, Liber X, pgs. 338-40.

<sup>3</sup> Prince George's County Land Records NN: 277; and Hienton, pgs. 98, 115.

<sup>4</sup> Prince George's County Orphan's Court, Administration Docket 1810, Moses Menger, August 21, 1826.

<sup>5</sup> Land Records, AB 5:194; and Prince George's County Tax Assessment, District 4, 1828-33, Ann W. Thompson.

<sup>6</sup> Table of Post Offices in the United States, by Director of the Postmaster General, Washington, D.C. 1831, 36, 37.

<sup>7</sup> Tax Assessments, District 4, 1839, 1841; District 8, 1847, 1850.



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- 8 Tax Assessments, District 8, 1861 - 1876.
- 9 Land Records, WAJ, JR 11:192, 12:75, 98:88, 106:124, 622:426.
- 10 Interview, 3 November 1975, of Mrs. Harriet M. Davis by Margaret Cook.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 86B-19

See Notes, #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property 3 acres

Map 167 Grid C-4

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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P.G. County Survey # 86B-19 Date 1730's  
Building Name Horsehead Tavern  
Location Brandywine Rd. at Horsehead Rd., Horsehead,  
Open to Public      yes   x   no

Horsehead Tavern is located at the intersection of Horsehead Road and Brandywine Road. It is of frame construction, two stories high, five bays wide, and has a large exterior chimney at both the north and south ends. Construction details show that the building was erected in two stages, the north half evidently the older. A one-story wing, two bays wide, extends from the south gable.

Horsehead Tavern has been a local landmark since at least as early as 1739. Licenses to operate an ordinary were granted to owners of this place throughout the 18th century. Horsehead post office was located here for many years. The building was not used as a private residence until about 1900.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The Horsehead

AND/OR COMMON

Horsehead Tavern

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Brandywine Road (#381) at Horsehead Road

4th District

CITY, TOWN

Horsehead,

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

P.G.

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

David C. and Emma H. Boswell

Telephone #: 988-1162

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Maryland 20613

CITY, TOWN

Brandywine

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

P.G. County Courthouse

Liber #: 3391

Folio #: 147

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro, Md/ 20870

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

HABS 1936

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

PG:86B-19

**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Horsehead Tavern is located at the intersection of Horsehead Road and Brandywine Road (Md. Rte. 381), facing east. It is of frame construction, two storys high, five bays wide, and has a large exterior chimney at both the north and south ends located at the ridge. Construction details show that the building was erected in two stages, the north half evidently the older. First floor windows are nine-over-six-lights sash, while those on the upper level are six-over-six. The main doorway is in the third bay protected by a small, square, flat-roofed porch. A one story wing, two bays wide, extends from the south gable.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES    before 1739

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Horsehead Tavern has been a local landmark since at least as early as 1739, when "the horsehead" was cited in the County Court Records as a means of locating the two roads which still intersect at this location. Licenses to operate an ordinary were granted to owners of this place throughout the 18th century. A 1903 photograph shows the old sign of the Horsehead and is captioned, "Old Horse Head. The Booth Room (marked with an X) in which he slept when looking over route of flight." Horsehead post office was located here for many years. The building was not used as a private residence until about 1900.

Note: Property for sale, November 1978.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

P.G. Co. Court Records, Liber X, folios 338-340

1828 Report to the Levy Court of P.G. Co. on Condition of the Roads

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Margaret W. CookNovember 1978

ORGANIZATION

5621 Delaware Drive

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

(P.G. Co. Historical and Cultural Trust839-3638

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Forest Heights, Md. 20021

STATE

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Horsehead Tavern				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 381 and Horsehead Road (SW Quadrant)				
CITY OR TOWN: Brandywine				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY (Check One)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public    Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific    _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: David C. Boswell				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 381				
CITY OR TOWN: Brandywine		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1937 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 First Street SE				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC		STATE:		



7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure built in two sections. The south end is three bays, with the doorway in the north bay. The door has transom and sidelights. There is a one bay, flat-roofed porch with square posts and bracketed cornice. The windows are 9/6 double hung sash on the first floor and 6/6 sash above. On the south end is an external chimney, without weatherings.

The north end is two bays and is slightly deeper than the south end. It, too, has an external chimney on the north end; the base is two stories, with stepped weatherings to the stack. The window sash are identical to the south end sash.

On the south end, there is a one story wing with small windows. The porch across the rear facade has been enclosed.

The house is now covered with aluminum siding.

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# 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 17 June 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

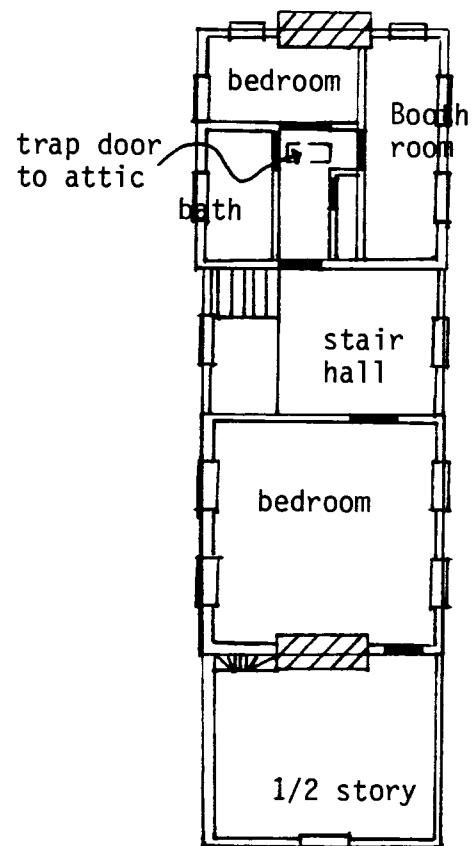
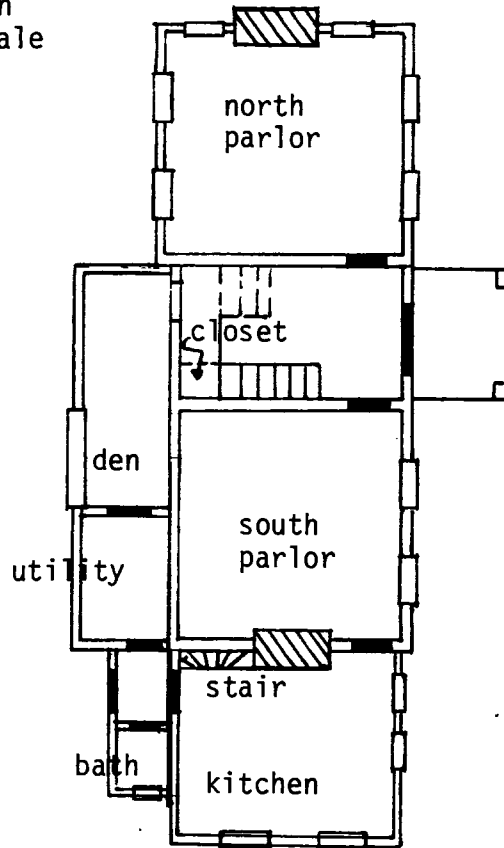
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Chain of Title  
Horsehead Tavern  
P.G. #86B-19

6398:838 15 Aug. 1986 Deed	David C. and Emma H. Boswell to John W. and Karen D. Butler, 3 acres. Described 3391:147.
3391:147 22 Sept. 1966 Deed	Robert A. Hammett and Ann B. Hammett to David C. and Emma Hoke Boswell. For \$10 grantors convey lots in Aquasco District. Parcel I: one acre; Parcel II: contains 2 acres. Same described in deed from Board of Education and James A. Sensenbaugh to Ann B. Hammett and Lois A. Barger, Jan. 25, 1966, recorded March 4, 1966, 3287:335.
3287:335 25 Jan. 1966 Deed	Board of Education to Ann B. Hammett and Lois A. Barger. For \$10 grantor conveys two parcels.
3197:567 2 Sept. 1965 Deed	William P. Wiseman to P.G. Board of Education. For \$10 grantor conveys Parcel I: a disputed tract, title not clearly defined - contains 2.1 acres. Parcel II: The land William P. Wiseman obtained 1656:529, 21.79 acres.
1656:529 1 Oct. 1953 Mortgage	Robert O. Barnes to William Paul Wiseman. For \$10 grantor conveys a tract of 30 acres called Horsehead - excepting 2.1 acres, described 698:81.
1162:95 29 Sept. 1949 Deed	Adelina L. Hammond to Robert O. and Florence M. Barnes. For \$10 grantor conveys 30 acres called Horsehead. Saving and excepting 2.1 acres described 698:81.
698:81 10 Sept. 1943 Deed	John T. Hicks and Willie Edna Hicks to Adelina Hammond of D.C. For \$10 grantor conveys 30 acres, called Horsehead. Same in deed from Joseph S. Fowler to Bruce M. Davis 106:124 excepting 2.1 acres described in deed from Yates Davis Duke, to John T. and Willie Edna Hicks 31 March 1941 - recorded 622:426.
622:426 27 May 1933 Deed	Yates Davis Duke of Brooklyn to John T. and Willie E. Hicks of D.C. For \$10 grantor conveys 30 acres called Horsehead - same described Joseph S. Fowler to Bruce Davis 1-2-1915, 106:124 - except 2.1 acres - conveyed Bruce M. Davis and Florence C. Davis to Yates Davis Dukes, Dec. 30, 1933, 417:181.
106:124 2 Jan. 1915 Deed	Joseph S. Fowler to Bruce M. Davis. For \$700 grantor conveys a part of the land obtained from Q.A.W. Lacey, Nov. 1913 98:88 - 30 acres called Horsehead.

<p>98:88 6 Nov. 1913 Deed</p>	<p>Q. A. W. Lacey of Baltimore to Joseph S. Fowler. For \$10 grantor conveys same land obtained from Rosetha K. Davis, 3 Sept. 1902 12:75 a tract called west Horsehead. Also another tract west of main road containing the dwelling. Two tracts contain 60 acres. Being part of estate allotted to Q.A. W. Lacey in division of estate of E.A.M.E. Burnill.</p>
<p>12:75 3 Sept. 1902 Deed</p>	<p>E.A.M.E. Burnill devised in her will land to children - F.A. Ward, Rosetha K. Davis and Q.A.W. Lacey of Baltimore. Now divided further among grandchildren. To Q.A.W. Lacey part of the Horsehead west side road from Woodville to Brandywine.</p>
<p>WAJ, JR 1:192 27 May 1880 Will</p>	<p>Eliza A.M.E. Burnill, to daughter Rosetha K. Davis - 1/3 of lands, to daughter Quintilla A.M. Lacey, 1/3 of lands, to son Frances A. Ward, 1/3 of lands.</p>
<p>CSM 3:535 27 July 1860 Deed</p>	<p>John D. &amp; Harriett E. Fowler to Eliza A.M.E. Burnill. For \$600 grantors convey that parcel on right of public road, known, as Horsehead - residence of late Moses Menger, dec.</p>
<p>JBB 3:432 3 April 1844 Bill of Sale</p>	<p>Robert Thompson to John D. Fowler, household goods, a slave named Osborn, all goods in certain tenements occupied by Thompson.</p>
<p>AB 1:346 January 1830 Chancery Filed 11 July, 1837</p>	<p>Ignatius Gardiner vs. Robert and Ann Thomson, heirs of Moses Mengers. Thomas Bruce, Trustee for sale of the house and lot known as Horsehead Tavern. Sold to Ann W. Thomson for \$1209.42. Thomson is now dead and price is only partially paid.</p>

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Horsehead Tavern  
Floor plan  
Not to Scale



JOHN A. MCPHERSON  
4166/790  
22.91 A  
P. 120

GENEVIEVE JOHNSON  
5466/423  
6.92 A. P.110

1.05 A. P. 103

PLTLR A. GROSS  
2.07 A. P. 50

JAMES R. GRAHAM  
1.71 A. P. 51

CHAS. L. HARPER  
3574/299  
2.00 A. P. 52

WILLIAM P. PROCTOR  
3289/780  
2.08 A. P. 178

3.00 A. P. 53

ALBERT W. RIES, ET AL  
5050/885  
8.38 A  
P. 54

THOMAS E. BRYAN  
5111/487  
8.51 A.  
P. 58

1A.  
P.100

RICHARD A. BROWN  
5377/738  
26.95 A  
P. 60

CHARLES  
R. BECK  
4432/798  
11.19 A.  
P. 108

STUART K. J. CARR, SR.  
3674/706  
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P. 49

IMMANUEL  
METH. CH.  
AT 51/510

3.04 A.  
P. 153

EARL C. LEE  
5217/166

8.62 A.  
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IMMANUEL  
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HORSEHEAD

P.G. COUNTY  
6208/788  
39.88 A.  
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DAVID  
C. BOSWELL, SR.  
3391/147  
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86B-19 PATRICK O'BOYLE  
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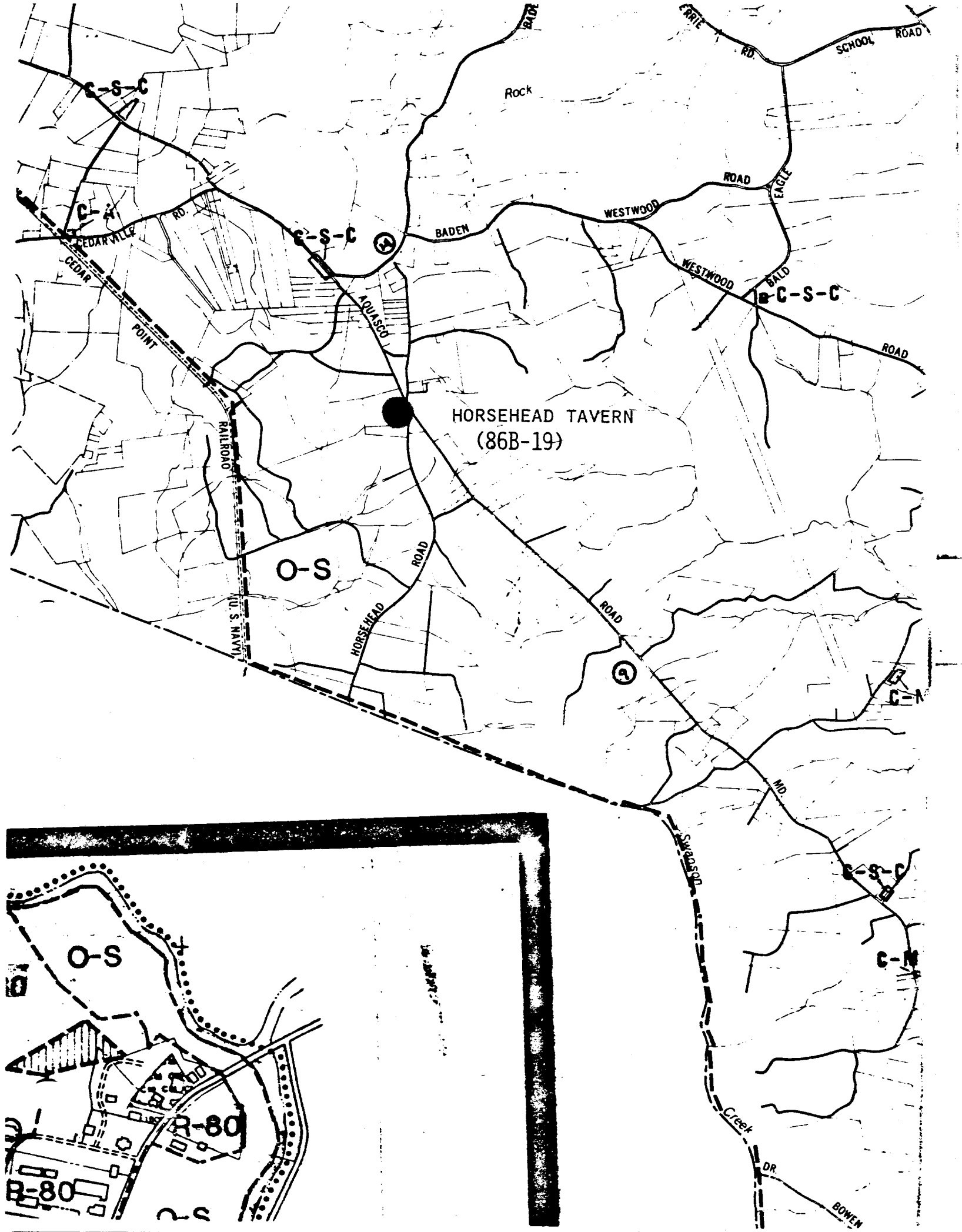
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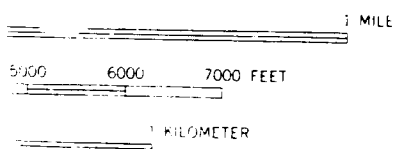
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MARYLAND

Heavy-duty  Light-duty   
Medium-duty  Unimproved dirt   
 U. S. Route  State route



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Horsehead Tavern  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1987  
North elevation  
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Horsehead Tavern  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1987  
Southeast elevation  
Neg: MD Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



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Horsehead Tavern  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1987  
Southwest elevation  
Neg: MD Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD





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Horsehead Tavern  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1987  
West elevation  
Neg: MD Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



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Horsehead Tavern  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1987  
Stairhall, looking east  
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Annapolis, MD



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Horsehead Tavern  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1987  
Stairhall, looking west  
Neg: MD Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



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Horsehead Tavern  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1987  
Attic, siding detail  
Neg: MD Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD





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Horsehead Tavern  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1987  
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NAME HORSE HEAD TAVERN # 86B-19

LOCATION " " Rd + Rt 381 BADEN, Md.

FACADE NW

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